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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following with respect to the above-identified Application:

- Reply to Office Action Mailed April 26, 2004, with Appendix A attached thereto.
- Copy of the original Declaration and Power of Attorney as filed January 28, 2002, showing a readable residential street address, signature and date of signature of inventor Zakir S. Murtaza.
- Petition for Three Month Extension of Time, together with a check in the amount of \$490.00 for the Petition fee.
- No additional filing fee is required, as shown below:

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Respectfully submitted,

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